

MAN IN JAIL IS SAID TO BE SAME AS ONE DROWNED

With Wife Suing for Insurance Prisoner Is Thought To Be Texan Reported Lost in Galveston Storm.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., April 7.—Suspicion that Karl Mueller, held in the Greene county jail, is in reality James D. Lester, supposed to have been drowned in Galveston bay five years ago, was first aroused by a letter said to have been written by Mueller to Charles Preslove of Houston, Tex., according to John P. Cole, a Houston attorney, who has been in Springfield obtaining depositions in the case.

The letter was written, Cole said, a few months after Lester was reported drowned. The letter in substance read: "What kind of a stunt did I pull off? Good or bad? I'm not drowned but very much alive. Tell my wife to go to my lawyer if she needs anything. She can collect my insurance as so many were drowned in the storm it would be an easy matter to put my ring on one of their fingers and make them think it was me."

Letter First Clew. According to Attorney Cole, no doubt as to the truth of the report that Lester was drowned was entertained by the insurance companies until this letter was received by Preslove.

After the receipt of the communication an investigation led to the location of Karl Mueller, held in the Greene county jail on a federal charge of conspiring to rob freight cars bearing merchandise in interstate shipment. The three insurance companies protested the claims of Mrs. Lester when they learned that such a letter had been received by Preslove.

A picture of James D. Lester was later printed in the monthly magazine of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, with instructions that if any member of the brotherhood knew of the whereabouts of Mueller they were to inform their local officials. A Springfield member of the brotherhood recognized the picture as a like-

ness of Karl Mueller held in this city. The Texas authorities worked on this clew and have since been able to produce several former acquaintances of Lester who also have identified Mueller as Lester.

The case has progressed until little doubt is entertained by authorities that Mueller is in reality Lester, Cole said. Attorney Cole went to Houston, where he will ask Mrs. Lester to withdraw her claims against the three insurance companies.

In the first suit against the International Life Insurance Co., Mrs. Lester was allowed \$2,500 by a jury in the circuit court at Houston. The case was appealed and the decision reversed when it was learned that additional information had been obtained. The claims against the other companies amount to \$5,000.

Depositions of Sheriff Webb and attaches of his office will be taken to use in a case pending in circuit court in Houston, Tex., in which the Brotherhood Insurance Co. is attempting to establish the fact that Karl Mueller in the Greene county jail is John D. Lester. Depositions of J. Will Webb, Homer T. East, Henry Tracy, Anderson Owens and Ed Gannon will be taken in an effort to show that local officials identified the photo of Lester as that of Mueller.

It was claimed that Lester was in a boat that capsized in Galveston bay and was drowned while his companions swam to the shore. His widow brought suits to recover the life insurance.

MARINES' ANT-BEAR PINES IN THE ZOO

CINCINNATI, O., April 7.—"Jimmy" the Mexican ant-bear, which served throughout the world as mascot of the marine brigade in France, and was wounded in action, may soon be lost to the Cincinnati zoo. Marines who served in France, and who will form the nucleus of a new expeditionary force to be stationed at Quantico, Va., want to get "Jimmy" back again.

Lake net sea-faring men they are superstitious, and fear that they will have had luck in any future ventures if they allow their mascot to remain in a zoo. Jimmy was picked up by the marines in Vera Cruz in 1914. He did a tour of duty aboard a battleship, and then went to France with the marine brigade. He was the first ant-bear the French had ever seen, and he amused the adults but scared the children half to death. He has a long flexible nose, ideal for the exploration of half empty jam cans.

Kid gloves—a special purchase of \$3.75 grade, specially priced, a pair..... **\$2.98**

This means opportunity in the best sense of the word

For these are gloves superior in every detail of workmanship and of that soft and pliable lambskin which assures a smartness in appearance. They are in 2-clasp style, with hand-embroidered backs, white with black, gray, black with white; all sizes, 5 3/4 to 7.

Silk blouses — a sale

—a special purchase offering a saving on the blouses fashion approves, which should prove an incentive for early buying—



Blouses that sold formerly for \$15.00, georgette crepe models for—

\$8.95

—in delightfully smart and dainty effects—georgette crepe, fashioned into graceful models that show the style details fashion approves in white and the good colors.

Blouse store—second floor.

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MEMPHIS

Wool sweaters

Our entire stock of all-wool sweaters that sold formerly for \$15.00, choice..... **\$7.50**
They are shown in the popular ripple model, open front styles and the beautiful solid shades that show a brilliancy that is the vogue at present, and they are in first ranks of fashion for sportswear.

Sportswear section—fourth floor.

An extraordinary pricing placed on a group of New Spring millinery

Whose inspiration is derived from the Orient

The success of the costume depends largely on the hat. There is a subtle blending of color and line in these hats that feature many out of the usual styles, that make for charm and becomingness.

A notable collection, bewildering in variety and rich in beauty of coloring in blocks that are almost innumerable, and each hat an individual model, and the choice of the collection may be had at a saving of a half or more, namely—

\$3.95

Millinery rooms—third floor.



Decidedly exceptional values in two great purchases of

Women's silk frocks and woolen suits

Fortunately this transaction that brought us these suits and frocks was consummated in time for early spring showing, and so substantial was the manufacturer's concession, so close is our pricing—that the values are far superior to most you will see assortments with these markings.

A hundred fine tailored suits—would sell regularly for much more than price asked—for they are placed on sale for—

\$50.00

—Because of a large special purchase; these suits are in fine fabrics, prominently featuring tricotine and plain tailored models, braided styles and corded and tucked effects as well as button trimmed, are all here. There are twenty-five distinct models from which to choose, and each one beautifully tailored and silk lined.



Lovely silk dresses—A tremendous purchase—satins, taffetas and georgette crepes attractive styles; for—

\$33.50

The charm of style, value and beauty are reflected in these frocks, with their effective draperies, short sleeves, pretty frills and many individual touches as well as fineness of fabrics and excellence of workmanship and beautiful colorings—all go to making this a showing worth viewing, and offers values much out of the ordinary.

Little tots' clothing

Rompers, creepers and other garments that must surely win the approval of mothers, because of the values and smartness of styles.



Babies' washable creepers

Beautiful gingham were used in the construction of these smart little models shown in solid colors, and pink and blue checks or stripes in styles that are most appealing and pretty; choice for—

89c to \$4.50

Other styles in creepers

—in dimities, madras and poplins in white, pink, blue and yellow in very attractive new models; sizes 6 months to 2 years; for—

\$2 to \$4.50

Little girls' rompers

Smart little models for girls from 2 to 6 years of beautiful gingham in checks, stripes and solid shades in prices from—

\$1.25 to \$4.95

Children's store—third floor.

Spring shoes for infants, children and misses

Strap Slippers, Oxfords and Colonials. Models that feature comfort, style and value. Our comprehensive stocks are at their height of completeness, and each shoe was selected with care that only the best materials and workmanship be in evidence, and prices range according to sizes and values—Infants' shoes in patent leather white reuskin and vicil kid, sizes 1 to 6, ankle strap and strap slippers, a pair—

\$2.50 and \$3.50

Children's shoes, sizes 5 to 8, in patent leather, reuskin and kid, in ankle straps and strap slippers, pair—

\$3.50 to \$5.00

Children's shoes in sizes 8 1/2 to 11: pumps, ankle straps and strap slippers, smart new lasts, a pair—

\$5.00 to \$8.00

Girls' shoes—pumps and oxfords—in smartest styles, in sizes 2 1/2 to 6, choice of all leathers, a pair—

\$7.00 to \$10.00

Children's Shoe Store—Below First Floor.

A Specially Priced Lot of Children's socks

Socks of fine hile thread in all the smart new fancy effects of the present vogue as well as the solid shades to meet all the requirements of dress for the regular value because of a special purchase. Choice may be had at, a pair—

39c

Hosiery Store—Main Floor.

Particular consideration should be given

The Spring footwear for women

Pumps, oxfords, slippers



—for with the shorter skirts, the footwear is of unusual prominence, and our complete stock was selected with that thought in mind, so every need may be successfully met.

Smart brogue oxfords, pumps, strap slippers, and in fact everything new and fashionable is included in the leather fashion demands of the well dressed woman.

First thought in buying was given to the makers that they be of the kinds whose productions are well known for their good qualities and smartness of models was our second—

Prices range moderately from—

\$10 to \$18

Shoe store—below first floor.

Boys' Spring attire

Stocks featuring special preparations for the requirements for both large and small boys—

Boys' woolen suits

Smart Norfolk models of all wool English mixtures in the popular grays, browns and blues, with trench and patch pockets, perfectly tailored in sizes 8 to 15 years; priced from—

\$12.50 to \$24.50

Boys' blue serge suits

This, the fabric most in demand by the boys and their mothers of discrimination was developed into the Norfolk model, showing all the new style ideas of the spring season, perfectly tailored and priced from—

\$14.95 to \$20

Boys' washable suits

Norfolk, Middy, Oliver Twist and other of the new season's modes can be chosen from these stocks of suits, of fine fabrics fashion demands for little boys' suits in sizes 2 to 6 years and priced from—

\$1.75 to \$10

Boys' store—fourth floor.



"Madge Evans" Hats

For misses and children
Distinguished by originality
and value, exclusively here



"Madge Evans" hats are well known for their beauty of material and smartness of styles, dominantly featuring sailor effects—roll brimmed, mushroom and straight styles—and the poke bonnet models. Lovely milan straws are most in evidence and bands and streamers of fine grosgrain all silk ribbons are the trimmings. Prices are very moderate on these popular hats, for they range from—

\$4.95 to \$15

Millinery rooms—third floor.